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Should the Office feel that telephonic communication with the applicants' representative would further the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 23 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Figure 1 shows the nucleotide sequence of an antisense RNA to *E. coli lepB* mRNA, expressed from the DNA insert in plasmid pJB37 (SEQ ID NO: 3).

Figure 2 shows the nucleotide sequence of an antisense RNA to *E. coli viaA* mRNA, expressed from the DNA insert in plasmid Pjb53 (SEQ ID NO: 4).

Figure 3 shows the nucleotide sequence of a 714 nucleotide *PstI-HindIII* fragment of the *E. coli viaA* gene cloned in pJB53 (SEQ ID NO: 5).

Figure 4 shows the nucleotide sequence of an antisense RNA to *E. coli ddlB* mRNA, expressed from the DNA insert in plasmid pJB57 (SEQ ID NO: 6).

Figure 5 shows the nucleotide sequence of an antisense RNA to *orf1* of the *E. coli ampG* operon, expressed from the DNA insert in plasmid pJB59 (SEQ ID NO: 7).--

In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure 11 shows the nucleotide sequence of an 836 nucleotide *PstI/HindIII* fragment of the *E. coli secA* gene cloned in pJB3 (SEQ ID NO: 8).

Figure 12 shows the nucleotide sequence of an antisense RNA complementary to *E. coli secA* mRNA (SEQ ID NO: 9).--

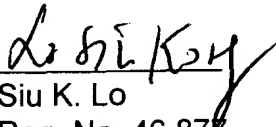
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instant application. A paper copy of the substitute Sequence Listing is attached herewith.

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Accordingly, no additional submissions or statements are believed to be necessary.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits and early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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